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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD PROGRAM - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

1. AT A HEAD OF DELEGATION MEETING CONVENED AT 1800, APRIL 28, DIRECTOR GENERAL SAOUMA REPORTED THAT HE AND WALDHEIM HAD NOT REACHED A DECISION REGARDING SUCCESSOR TO AQUINO WHO LEAVES MAY 15.

2. HE THEN ANNOUNCED THAT TOM ROBINSON, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, HAS BEEN NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AD INTERIM - UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1976. HE ASKED DELEGATE CONCURRENCE TO THIS INTERIM MOVE SO THAT MORE TIME WOULD BE ALLOWED FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE FILLING OF THIS POST AND OTHERS IN UN AGRICULTURAL RELATED ORGANIZATIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTIONS. HE PRAISED ROBINSON AS BEING KNOWN BY MEMBERS, EFFICIENT AND FAMILIAR WITH WFP.

3. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS FROM 29 DELEGATES PRESENT. SOME RESERVED COMMENT UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

4. CANADA, NETHERLANDS AND U.S. DELEGATES POINTED TO THE NEED FOR AUTHORITY TO MAKE PENDING DECISIONS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS A CONDITION OF ROBINSON'S ACCEPTANCE. VOLPE

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